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SUBJECT: AMIN DECIDES AGAINST ATTENDING OTTAWA CONFERENCE

REF: KAMPALA 2453

1. PRES. AMIN SENT SHORT, LOW-KEY TELEGRAM AUGUST 1 TO CANADIAN PM TRUDEAU INFORMING THAT DUE TO "OTHER STATE PREOCCUPATIONS AT HOME" HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVT. MEETING. STATED THAT SIX-MAN UGANDAN DELEGATION WOULD BE LED BY ACTING FONMIN ETIANG.

2. NEITHER AMIN MESSAGE NOR LOCAL PRESS MADE ANY MENTION OF WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED TO BE PRES'S. PRETEXT FOR NOT GOING: FAILURE OF QUEEN TO PROVIDE SPECIAL AIRCRAFT AND OR REPORTS THAT HMG WAS BACKING DEMONSTRATORS WPO MIGHT CAUSE HARM TO AMIN IN OTTAWA.

3. COMMENT: AMIN DECISION TO REMAIN HERE PROBABLY SAVES EVERYONE A LOT OF GRIEF, NOT THE LEAST OF ALL THE GENERAL HIMSELF, GIVEN USUAL COUP SPECULATION ABOUNDING WHENEVER HE ABOUT TO TRAVEL ABROAD AND ESPECIALLY ON THIS OCCASION. HIS APPEARANCE AT
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OTTAWA CONFERENCE (SEATED NEXT TO UNITED KINGDOM'S HEATH)

ALMOST CERTAINLY WOULD HAVE SPARKED SOME SORT OF FIREWORKS, WHICH WOULD NOT LIKELY HAVE SERVED ANY USEFUL END FOR GOU, HMG, OR THE CONFERENCE AS A WHOLE. ON OTHER HAND, FONMIN ETIANG IS A SKILLED, CONGENIAL CAREER DIPLOMAT WHO IS LIKELY TO GET ON VERY WELL WITH BRITISH DELEGATION AT PERSONAL LEVEL (HE WAS UGANDA'S HICOM IN LONDON DURING OBOTE REGIME). IT WILL OF COURSE BE INTERESTING TO SEE JUST HOW THE BRITISH DEAL WITH UGANDAN QUESTION AT CONFERENCE. MOST OBSERVERS HERE EXPECT THAT AT A MINIMUM PM HEATH WILL RAISE ISSUE OF COMPENSATION OF ASIANS AND BRITISH COMPANIES USING RELATIVELY MODERATE LANGUAGE. A FEW PREDICT HE MIGHT GO SO FAR AS TO LAMBASTE AMIN BOTH FOR RIGHT-WING CONSUMPTION IN UK AND TO "SET AN EXAMPLE" FOR OTHER NATIONAL LEADERS WHO MIGHT BE HARBORING SIMILAR NOTIONS TO TAKE NOTE OF. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF PRES. AMIN MOSTLY WARM APPROACHES OF LATE TO HMG AND OTHERS, HIS REPEATED ASSURANCES THAT ISRAELIS, BRITISH COMPANIES AND EXPELLED NON-CITIZEN ASIANS WILL ALL BE COMPENSATED IN DUE COURSE, PLUS HIS RECONCILIATION WITH NYERE AND IMPROVED STATURE ON AFRICAN SEEN, AMIN HAS UNDOUBTEDLY MADE IT HARDER FOR THE BRITISH TO LAUNCH A STRONG ATTACK ON HIM AND SOME OF HIS PAST ACTIONS.

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